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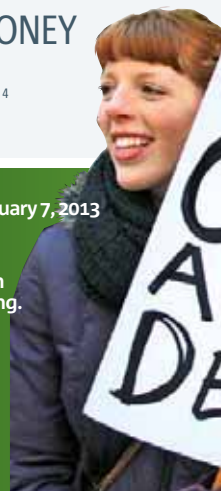


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MOOSE TRIUMPH

Halifax Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon, right, battles with the Rimouski Oceanic's Ryan MacKinnon in QMJHL action at the Metro Centre on Wednesday. Halifax rallied for a 5-4 shootout victory in a battle of the QMJHL's top two teams. Story, page 21. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Tim Hortons has a new Timbit-stuffed doughnut inspired by How I Met Your Mother PAGE 10

No one told me about the \$27M error: Premier

Money matters.

AG report says 2012-13 deficit was understated

Premier Darrell Dexter said he was "absolutely not" told about a multimillion-dollar discrepancy in the last budget.

The auditor general's latest annual report reveals revenues were overstated in the 2012-13 budget by \$27 million.

Auditor general Jacques Lapointe said Department of Finance officials were informed in February, plenty of time to adjust the budget — but they opted not to.

"We didn't get much of an explanation for that," said Lapointe on Wednesday morning.

Lapointe's report said the Executive Council was briefed about the discrepancy, but he said Wednesday afternoon finance officials briefed the Treasury Board, which includes four members of the Executive Council, on March 28.

At a loss

"All of the revenue estimates go to the auditor general, and he signs off on them ... so I'm at a loss to understand the criticism."

Premier Darrell Dexter

Dexter said he had "no recollection" about information concerning a difference and said it was a function of how budgets are set.

"We get data coming in on budgets every day, and at some point you have to cut those points off and say, 'This is the point at which we do all of our budget calculations,'" he said.

Finance Minister Maureen MacDonald, who noted she was not finance minister at the time, said the discrepancy was accounted for in the next budget update.

"(The deficit) was projected to be \$211 million," she said.

"This would have made it 238 — not really that significant a difference."

Lapointe said Wednesday the amount of the discrepancy is irrelevant and accuracy should be the primary concern.

"I don't like to call \$27 million insignificant," he said. "Up to a cutoff point, every error you know about should be corrected. Even the small ones can add up."

MacDonald said the department has agreed to Lapointe's recommendation to set a cut-off date after which no new information will be used for budgeting.

Liberal MLA Andrew Younger called the mistake a breach of parliamentary privilege.

"The government has presented a budget ... that it knew at the time was false," he said. "At the end of the day, the premier lied to the people of Nova Scotia."

PC Leader Jamie Baillie also blasted the NDP for a "fallacy" of a budget.

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Provincial debt now costs \$900M a year in interest

'Fiscally irresponsible'
Auditor general says 'ethical government' would reverse the accumulation of debt

 **RUTH DAVENPORT**
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For a second year, the provincial auditor general is calling Nova Scotia's growing debt levels "fiscally irresponsible."

Jacques Lapointe's latest annual report shows the provincial debt grew by \$400 million in the last fiscal year and is now more than \$16 billion. "It is fiscally irresponsible ... for government to transfer payment for current spending to future generations," said Lapointe as he presented his findings.

Per capita debt in Nova Scotia is now \$13,960, and annual interest payments have reached about \$900 million.

"Roughly speaking we are all, man, woman and child, paying \$1,000 a year in taxes today to finance the debt, to pay for spending in the past," said Lapointe.

Lapointe said the only way to reduce the debt would be through surplus budgets, which would require further tax hikes — an option rejected by opposition parties.

"We need to lower taxes and pay for it by stopping wasteful government spending like the massive corporate bailouts that are going on," said Tory Leader Jamie Baillie. Liberal MLA Andrew Younger agreed the problem is one of spending, not revenue.

"One of the problems this government has is that they've been putting operating dollars on debt.... There's a big difference between putting your daily expenses on the debt and putting on capital stuff," he said.

Finance Minister Maureen MacDonald said the NDP is addressing the debt through its "back to balance" approach, and Premier Darrell Dexter said his government has been "extraordinarily prudent" with budgeting.

"As a result of the work that we have done, the people of Nova Scotia have anywhere between two and three thousand dollars less debt per capita than in the other provinces," said Dexter.



Finance Minister Maureen MacDonald takes questions from reporters at the NDP caucus office on Wednesday regarding the auditor general's latest report. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Auditor general

MLA expenses all tidied up: Report

The provincial auditor general said more than 90 per cent of his recommendations

regarding MLA expense accounts have been implemented, and a recent audit came up clean.

"The regulations they passed went beyond what we recommended in terms of the rigour," said Jacques Lapointe Wednesday. "They basically went as far as you can go ...

and they're enforcing them pretty strictly as well."

Lapointe's 2010 report on spending led to an investigation and criminal charges against four MLAs.

House speaker Gordie Gosse said he hoped the report would restore faith in elected officials. **METRO**

RCMP watchdog to probe Nicole Ryan case



Minister Ross Landry THE CANADIAN PRESS

The independent watchdog that handles complaints against the RCMP will review how the Mounties in Nova Scotia handled a woman's calls for help before she tried to hire a hit man to kill her allegedly abusive husband.

Nova Scotia Justice Minister Ross Landry said Wednesday he called for the review from the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP

because the public has raised questions about how Nicole Ryan's case was handled.

"What's at issue for me is the perception in the public, and if there's a feeling of doubt or questions then we want to put that to rest," Landry said.

Policing expert Paul McKenna said Landry — a former RCMP officer — made a prudent decision to ask for the commission's help, but he

said the agency has faced criticism over the years for failing to take a more aggressive approach to its investigations.

While the commission is an independent body, many of its investigators are former police officers, said McKenna, a lecturer with the faculty of management at Dalhousie University.

Ryan, a teacher from western Nova Scotia, was arrested

in 2008 when she tried to hire an undercover Mountie to kill Michael Ryan, who she accused in court of threatening to kill her and her daughter.

Nicole Ryan was acquitted of counselling to commit murder in 2010. The trial judge said the woman was under duress and not receiving help from police. That ruling was later upheld by Nova Scotia's appeal court. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Another blast of winter

Big storm forecast for weekend

A winter wallop is forecasted for the weekend.

Environment Canada has issued a weather statement for Nova Scotia showing that a major winter storm could bring as much as 40 centimetres of snow to parts of the province. "The public is advised

to monitor future forecasts and warnings as warnings may be required or extended," the statement issued on Wednesday reads.

The snow is forecast to begin starting in the western part of the province late Friday, with the main snowfall coming down throughout the day Saturday.

Strong winds are supposed to accompany the storm and could lead to blowing snow. **METRO**



More snow is on the way for HRM.
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Port Hawkesbury

Teen charged in knife incident

RCMP in Port Hawkesbury say a youth is facing weapons charges after an incident involving a knife at the local high school on Tuesday. Police allege a knife was dropped from the second floor in an attempt to hit a teenage boy and girl sitting below. The pair weren't injured.

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St. Francis Xavier

Talks continue in strike at university

The union representing striking faculty at St. Francis Xavier University says it has given revised contract proposals to the school's administration.

It described the exchange of proposals as constructive in a statement on its website.

The two sides have agreed to continue talks later today. About 400 professors and

academic staff at the school in Antigonish went on strike nine days ago over job security for contract and sessional staff.

The university revised its four-year contract offer on Tuesday, which led the St. Francis Xavier Association of University Teachers to make its counter-offer.

The union didn't release details of its counter-offer Wednesday, but it had been asking for a 10 per cent salary increase over four years.

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NSCAD students, instructors march to Province House



NSCAD students protest outside Province House on Wednesday after delivering a manifesto and demanding more funding. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Financial instability. Funding demanded to keep school independent, vibrant



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A group of nearly 200 students and instructors raised their voices in song to demand funding for the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design as they marched to Province House on Wednesday afternoon.

The group delivered its manifesto for a "vibrant, strong and independent NSCAD" to MLA Leonard Preyra, which outlined the need for fair faculty wages, studio space, a library director and affordable tuition.

"The NDP are supposed to be supporters of unions, ... the arts, supporters of education," said Sarah Trower, president of NSCAD's student union.

"I think that they have an obligation to turn around and support NSCAD."

Quoted

"We need funding for studio-based education. That's over and above a classroom education."

NSCAD student union president Sarah Trower

The university has faced years of financial instability, with a government report a year ago estimating their debt at \$19 million.

Colourful signs reading "We're more than just artists," "Art attack," and "This is a big deal" were carried down Granville and Hollis streets and into the Province House parking lot just after the noon hour.

Preyra told the crowd NSCAD helps define culture in Nova Scotia.

"We want to see it survive ... there has to be a dialogue and common purpose," Preyra said.

Trower said she expects a government response by Feb. 25.

"We don't need them to pay lip service to NSCAD," Trower said. "We need a signed document saying that they are going to support (us)."

Karalyn Reuben, a print-making student in her final year, said it's important to keep the school independent.

"We can't just become part of another school and be an art department," Reuben said about the suggestion the school could become affiliated with a larger university.

"We're all about being ourselves, we're NSCAD university."

Gary Markle, an instructor in the textiles and fashion department, said it was great to see action come out of a tough situation.

"It's very, very stressful, and I think for people to come out and be together and ... exercise our right to demonstrate is fantastic," Markle said.

"To see people assembled, speaking their mind, it's great. That's democracy, right?"

'Safety blitz' beginning around crosswalks: Police

After a rash of crosswalk incidents in the past few months, including one death, police are reminding the public that "distractions kill."

The RCMP and Halifax Regional Police have launched a "safety blitz" aimed at increasing road safety according to Const. Raymond Quesnel of the HRM integrated traffic unit.

"Something has got to change," he said.

The team of 10 officers will be educating the public on the importance of focus when driving and walking on a road.

They will focus on six high-risk intersections, which officers will visit a couple times a day, Quesnel said.

They will also hand out pamphlets with safety tips, such as "Don't use your handheld device when walking. Distractions kill," and "Is where I'm going more important than someone's life? Slow down."

Quesnel said if an officer witnesses a "near miss" or other violation, tickets of \$687 could be issued to a driver who did not yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

But it's also up to pedestrians to make eye contact with motorists, and not walk into an intersection even if they have the right of way, Quesnel said.

"If they don't look both ways and simply walk out,

Under a watchful eye

Intersections police are focusing on:

- Spring Garden Road and Robie Street
- Spring Garden Road and South Park Street
- South Park Street and

South Street

- Sackville Drive and Beaver Bank Road
- Forest Hills Parkway and Cole Harbour Road
- Joseph Howe Drive and Scott Street

there is a \$399 ticket there too," he said.

"A vehicle travelling at 50 kilometres an hour cannot stop on a dime. You have two tonnes of metal coming at you as a pedestrian, and that's not

a good idea."

Last year saw an increase in pedestrian-vehicle collisions, and the highest pedestrian-fatality rate in five years, with four people killed.

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A crosswalk at Tacoma Drive in Dartmouth. **METRO FILE**



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Senator Mike Duffy takes back exit on questions

Senator Mike Duffy took a back exit through a Halifax hotel kitchen after a speech on Wednesday night as he declined to answer reporters' questions about his claims for living allowances for an Ottawa residence.

The former broadcaster suggested journalists focus on energy issues, the topic of the speech he'd just given to the Maritime Energy Association, rather than ask him about a controversy over his primary residence.

"You should be doing adult work. Write about energy," said Duffy as he walked down the kitchen hallway while staff barred reporters from approaching him.

Opposition MPs are questioning whether the senator's primary residence is a cottage in Cavendish, P.E.I., as he has repeatedly stated.

The Senate is currently auditing its members to ensure they live where they say they do.

The inquiry came as a Postmedia report in December said Duffy spends the majority of his year in his Ottawa house, yet has claimed



Senator Mike Duffy
THE CANADIAN PRESS

more than \$33,000 in living allowances since 2010.

Duffy was in Halifax to give the keynote address at the association — which promotes various energy projects — and he used the occasion to suggest that the public should focus on economic development and not "other issues."

The senator drew laughter from the crowd in the hotel ballroom when he referred to the large number of journalists who had come to

Rules on being a senator

- Senator Mike Duffy has maintained that his primary residence is Prince Edward Island, at a cottage located on 10 Friendly Lane in seaside community of Cavendish — about 45 minutes north of Charlottetown.
- Senators are required to have a primary residence in the province they represent.

his speech.

"Who would have known there would be such interest in the question of offshore development and energy. I look forward to reading your full and analytical reports in the media tomorrow," he said.

The former parliamentary reporter said he shouldn't be the focus at a time when Atlantic Canada faces serious issues such as how to pay for the future retirement benefits and health care of baby boomers.

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Shaun Fair, a canoe-kayak athlete, bounces a medicine ball against the wall at the Canada Games Centre on Wednesday. MARIKA MCKENZIE/FOR METRO

Fund set up for N.S. sports organizations

For the future. Fund will support sports in province for many years to come

Apparently legacies come in threes.

The 2011 Canada Games are leaving yet another legacy behind, tying in with the Emera Oval and the Canada Games Centre in Clayton Park.

An announcement made Wednesday by Canada Games Chair Jean-Paul Deveau stated community sports organizations from across Nova Scotia can now access funding through the Support for Sport Equipment Fund.

The fund began in 2010 with a \$1-million donation

from the Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries and Casino Corporation, and thanks to a final surplus from the games themselves, the fund has grown to \$1.6 million.

"For the next 15 or 16 years this fund is going to allow us to more than double the amount of financial support that we can give to local community sport organizations," said Jamie Ferguson, CEO of Sport Nova Scotia.

Ferguson, a former member of the Canada Games Legacy Committee, said the fund will help offset the cost of equipment, aid in creating new programs and expand existing programs across the province.

Shaun Fair, a 22-year-old canoe-kayaker, said he knows how important funding can be. He's been receiving funds from

Sport Nova Scotia since 2007.

He said making funds available to community sports is just as important.

"For kids aged 12 to 17, it means everything for them," Fair said.

Sheila McGinn, secretary and treasurer for The Speedy Kids Oval Program Society, also knows how important sports are for kids.

"One of the little boys told us just last week that he watches the clock at school on Tuesdays," she said. "He knows when 4 p.m. comes around he's going to be skating."

Started last year, Speedy Kids provides free speed skating to under-served communities in HRM. Speedy Kids has already applied for a grant from the fund.

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Aboriginals in N.S. to be trained for shipbuilding careers

The federal government is contributing \$6 million for the Unama'ki Economic Benefits Office to train Aboriginals across Nova Scotia for opportunities resulting from the Irving Shipbuilding contract.

The Halifax-based Irving shipyard received the lion's share of the federal government's national shipbuilding procurement project. Under its \$25-billion deal, the yard is expected to build 21 combat vessels.

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Green light. Cape Breton addictions centre given OK to reopen doors

The lone addictions centre for men in Cape Breton is preparing to reopen its doors nearly a year after shutting down during a controversial government review.

The provincial government said Talbot House in Frenchvale will welcome residents as early as April.

The rehabilitation centre closed its doors after 53 years last March in the middle of an organizational review by the Community Services Department, which then discontinued the facility's funding. The review, launched after a complaint from a former resident,

'Profoundly grateful'

In a release, board chairman John Gainer said the board was "profoundly grateful" for the support it received from the community, the centre's residents and the provincial government in its efforts to reopen the facility.

concluded the facility hadn't been operating in compliance with provincial standards. The board of Talbot House vigorously challenged the review's findings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Thirteen-year battle

Feds appeal ruling on Indian status

The federal government will appeal a landmark Federal Court ruling that would vastly expand the ranks of people considered Indians.

After more than 13 years of legal wrangling, the court

ruled last month that Métis and non-status Indians are indeed "Indians" under a section of the Constitution Act.

On Wednesday, Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan said the ramifications of the decision demand a ruling from a higher authority. He added the services provided to aboriginals must be fiscally sustainable. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cost disparity. Senators urge tariff review to help match U.S. prices

A Senate committee says Ottawa should launch a comprehensive review of tariffs as a way of narrowing the price gap between Canadian and U.S. consumer goods.

The committee says Canadian consumers feel ripped off by higher prices in Canada, but the problem is not as simple as it appears.

A report cites factors like the different size in the market and the fact suppliers often charge Canadian retailers more than counterparts in the U.S.

But it also notes that many witnesses pointed the finger at import tariffs applied by the federal government on consumer goods,

Prediction

The report expects the price differential between goods in Canada and the U.S. to close as competition increases and more consumers become price-savvy.

which can sometimes reach as high as 18 per cent.

Prior to the report's release, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said the government has been looking into tariffs, particularly on consumer goods, to see if they can be lowered or eliminated.

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Sexy Anne of Green Gables mortifies nation of readers

11-year-old redhead. Flirtatious blonde teenager adorns the cover of new edition

A new image of Canada's most beloved literary orphan has Canadians seeing red, but not where they're supposed to.

A new edition of Anne of Green Gables depicts the notoriously youthful and ruddy-headed heroine as a curvaceous blond teen, sparking a fierce backlash from scholars and casual readers alike.

Critics derided the cover, saying it is a far cry from the feisty, 19th-century 11-year-old brought to life in the pages of L.M. Montgomery's classic novels.

The image appears on the cover of a Three in One edition produced by CreateSpace, a subsidiary of the Amazon group that allows people to self-publish their material.

Many readers argued the picture, which flatly contradicts many textual references to Anne's appearance, amount



The cover image of a new edition by CreateSpace, left, meets Anne's copyrighted traditional look. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

to character assassination.

"Anne's fiery hair, unfortunate complexion and gangly build define her character... for she learns to cultivate ideals of inner and outer beauty," one reader wrote on the book's Amazon.com page.

Nick Mount, Canadian literature professor at the Uni-

versity of Toronto, suspects the photo was used in part to contravene copyright protections.

While Montgomery's text is in the public domain, the traditional image of Anne is owned jointly by the province of Prince Edward Island and the heirs to the author's estate.

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Too precious

"Messing with this particular image is asking for trouble."

Nick Mount, Canadian lit professor at the University of Toronto, saying the new image nearly defaces a Canadian cultural icon.



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Toddler killed. Dispute over 1-child policy turns tragic for Chinese family

Police have detained a local official and a driver for allegedly running over and killing a 13-month-old boy during an argument with his family over the payment of a fine for violating China's strict family-planning limits, state media and the local government said Wednesday.

The boy's death Monday is the latest incident to aggravate long-running public resentment over the family-planning rules that limit many families to one child and some rural ones to two.

After the incident in a village outside the eastern city of Rui'an, thousands of residents protested outside local government offices, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Police detained the two people on unspecified charges late Tuesday, said a statement on the Rui'an government's official website. Xinhua identified them as a local Communist Party chief named Bai and a driver.

How the toddler came to be run over is not completely clear from the government and state media accounts. Rui'an's party Propaganda Department

Collecting fine

A team of 11 officials went to the village to persuade Chen Liandi and his wife Li Yuhong to pay a fine for violating the family-planning limits.

- Xinhua said the requested fine totalled more than 30,000 yuan (\$4,700 US) and was for giving birth to the boy.

declined further comment.

Officials went to the village to persuade Chen Liandi and his wife Li Yuhong to pay a fine for violating the country's family-planning limits.

An argument ensued and Chen tried to prevent the officials from taking Li to a government office, though she soon relented and agreed to get into a car and go, the accounts said. In the confrontation, the boy dropped from Chen's arms and was run over by a vehicle, the government statement and state media said. Xinhua said Chen tried to pull the boy away but was too late.

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Unrest feared in Tunisia after political assassination

Tunisians demonstrate outside the home of opposition leader Chokri Belaid after he was shot to death in Tunis, Wednesday. A critic of the Islamist-led government and violence by radical Muslims, Belaid's killing is the first political assassination in post-revolutionary Tunisia. His death is likely to heighten tensions in the North African nation, where the path from dictatorship to democracy so far has been seen as a model for the Arab world. AMINE LANDOULSI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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'The Priestley' comes to life

Yuckiest flavour ever?

Tim Hortons bakes up a batch of fictional doughnuts mentioned on television show

A sitcom gag about the ubiquitous presence of Tim Hortons has inspired the company to create an outlandish new pastry — a Timbit stuffed into a jam-filled doughnut.

A company spokeswoman says the one-time only experiment — a photo of which appeared on its Twitter feed Tuesday — was inspired by a recent episode of *How I Met Your Mother*.

The Canadian-themed episode featured a cameo by home-grown star Jason Priestley, who boasted of a self-created confection he dubbed "The Priestley."

Tim Hortons spokeswoman Alexandra Cygal says a staff member who happens to be

a fan of the show as well as a "certified culinary scientist" created the doughnut as a fun exercise.

"The day after the show aired he just came into work and decided to create The Priestley in his lab, so we had a lot of fun with it," Cygal said Wednesday, adding that there are no plans to mass-produce the treat. "It's generated a lot of positive buzz and great exposure for our brand both in Canada and the U.S."

Monday's episode of *How I Met Your Mother* featured a cavalcade of Canadian stars including Luc Robitaille, Steven Page, k.d. lang, Geddy Lee, Alex Trebek, Alan Thicke and Paul Shaffer.

They pop up when Barney Stinson, played by Neil Patrick Harris, travels to Canada to learn more about his Canadian girlfriend Robin Scherbatsky, played by real-life Canuck actress Cobie Smulders.

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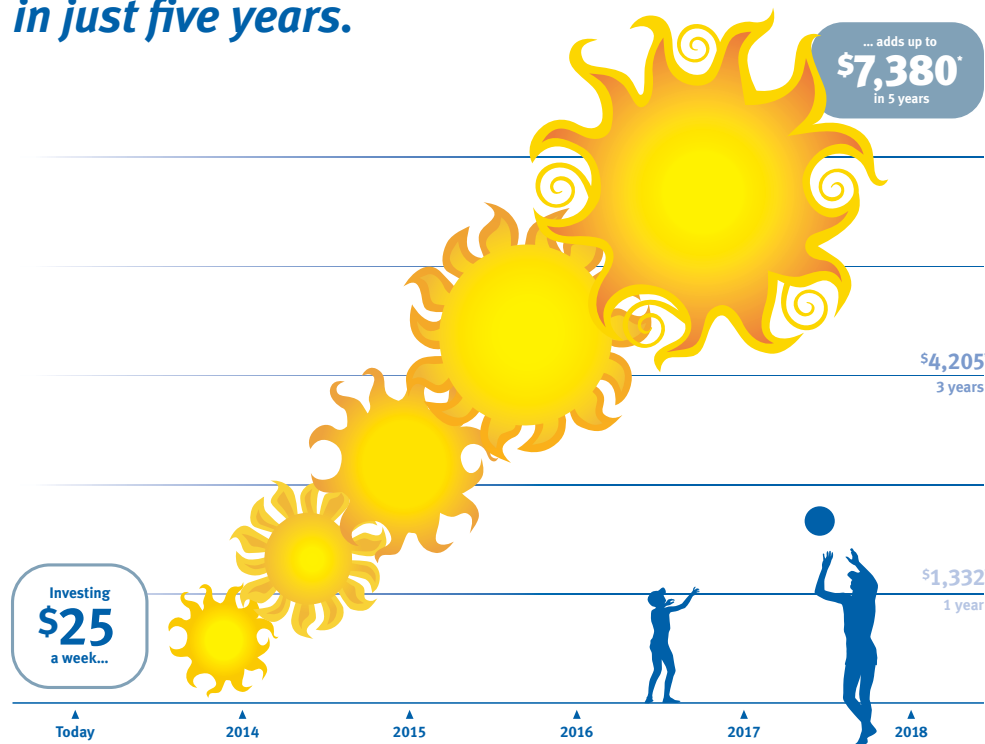


This photo from @TimHortons Twitter feed shows a one-off doughnut called "The Priestley," which the company made after it was mentioned on an episode of *How I Met Your Mother*. TWITTER



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Tokenism. Monopoly fans vote to add cat, toss iron

Scottie dog has a new nemesis in Monopoly after fans from more than 120 countries voted to add a cat token to the property trading board game, replacing the iron, toy maker Hasbro Inc. announced Wednesday. It was the first time fans have had a say in which of the eight tokens to add and which to toss.

The results were announced after passionate efforts by fans to save their favourite

tokens and businesses eager to capitalize on publicity surrounding pieces that represent their products. The shoe and the wheelbarrow had joined the iron as endangered tokens.

The online contest to change the tokens was sparked by chatter on Facebook, where Monopoly has more than 10 million fans. The vote on Facebook closed just before midnight on Tuesday.

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Stock flotation: Dead herring cost a cool \$9.8M

Herring worth millions in exports are seen floating dead Tuesday in Kolgrafafjordur, a small fjord in west Iceland, for the second time in two months. Between 25,000 and 30,000 tons of fish died in December and more are dead now, due to lack of oxygen in the water thought to have been caused by a landfill and bridge constructed across the fjord in December 2004. The current export value of the estimated 10,000 tons of herring amounts to about \$9.8 million, according to Morgunbladid newspaper. BRYNJAR GAUTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BORDER-CROSSING MADE EASY AS PIE (NOTE: PIES WILL BE CONFISCATED)



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Hello, fellow Canucks, and welcome to this special guide on how to get through U.S. customs, no fuss, no muss!

(The U.S. government advises that if you do have

muss, you must say how long you have had it, where you obtained it and whether you plan to use it for business or pleasure.)

Shhh!

Remember that airports and border crossings are highly inappropriate places to talk about terrorism. Instead, say "extremism."

Sure, sometimes small hiccups can happen at the border. For instance, there was the recent case of a Canadian man who was not allowed to attend the Super Bowl because of a 1981 marijuana conviction.

(The U.S. government warns that marijuana has been proven to alter the brain, which under U.S. law is only appropriate when it involves heavy drinkers

watching large men give each other concussions.)

And, yes, most of us have a friend or relative who's had trouble at the border. An ex of mine was recently denied entry because something alarmed U.S. customs officials. Keep in mind that she is a white, rail-thin woman with blond hair, a big smile and Cameron Diaz's looks, but not as threatening. Also, her passport is full of Middle Eastern stamps because she lived there for two years.

I'm here to assure you that these instances are the exception, not the norm. By following these simple tips at border crossings and airports, you can change entering and leaving the U.S. from a long and terrifying ordeal to a long and tedious annoyance.

U.S., eh? Tips for crossing the U.S.-Canada border: While you wait:

- If you must walk through a metal detector, remember to remove shoes, jackets, scarves, belts, bracelets, underthings, fillings, false hips, glass eyes, any bodily fluids hidden in your body, your allegiance to your country and that stupid smirk on your face.
- Remember that airports and border crossings are highly inappropriate places to talk about terrorism. Instead, say "extremism."

Talking with the customs officers:

- Remember that being a customs official is a stressful, repetitive occupation, so you should relieve the tension with a few well-timed zingers. They LOVE it! Joking with the official about how he or she is a glorified mall cop will liven up an otherwise dreary day.
- Also, show the official you are friendly and confident by finishing every sentence with "Bucko!"

What to declare:

- No endangered species are allowed, especially as articles of clothing. (For example, on the not-acceptable list: Elephant-tooth necklace with lion-skin shawl; acceptable: Housecoat made of house cats.)
- The U.S. considers Cuba an evil empire. If you have a Cuban cigar, be sure to label it as a finely rolled Saudi Arabian.

Drugs:

- If you have a marijuana conviction, you are required by law to declare it, unless you got it at a duty-free shop.
- There are only two ways to regain permission to enter the U.S. after a drug conviction: 1) obtain a pardon, or 2) score an interview with Oprah.

Those are the tips. We hope you found them helpful. By following these simple rules, your U.S. trip will be easy as pie.

(Please be advised that U.S. regulations stipulate that all pies will be confiscated. Also, if you have any ice cream and a fork, that'd be great.)

Open-concept house for sale

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It's fantastic:
Barbie lists abode

After 41 years, Mattel's leading lady is moving out. Toy maker Mattel announced Wednesday Barbie is looking for a new home and selling her Malibu, Calif., Dreamhouse.

In her search for a new pink abode, the septuagenarian doll will make a number of worldwide appearances, including World Mastercard Fashion Week in Toronto in March to meet with some Canuck designers. **METRO**

'Ken' I come, too?

Do you want to know what it's like in Barbie world?

Wondering what the house — which started its fictional life as a studio apartment in 1962 and has undergone 10 renovations — is like?

Mattel is letting fans immerse themselves into Barbie's world with a real-life experience, giving girls the chance to see the Dreamhouse in person.

Or, they can get a glimpse of Barbie in her reality web series that's airing on Barbie.com.

The site even allows girls to customize their own Dreamhouse. **METRO**

Icon looks to move after decades in Dreamhouse

"It wasn't an easy decision for Barbie to put her Dreamhouse on the market, but this move marks an unprecedented opportunity for her fans to get an inside look at her dreamy home."

Lori Pantel,
vice-president of global marketing for Barbie

Open house

Three walls equal great ocean view

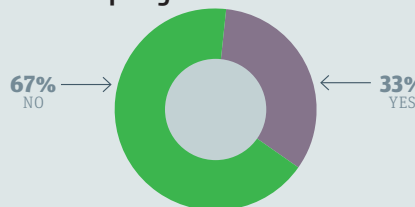
The 8,500-square-foot (measured in her heels), three-storey bachelorette compound features a spacious bedroom, three chandeliers, one elevator — in pink and with a state-of-the-art pulley system — and the best ocean view in Malibu (after all, it only has three walls).

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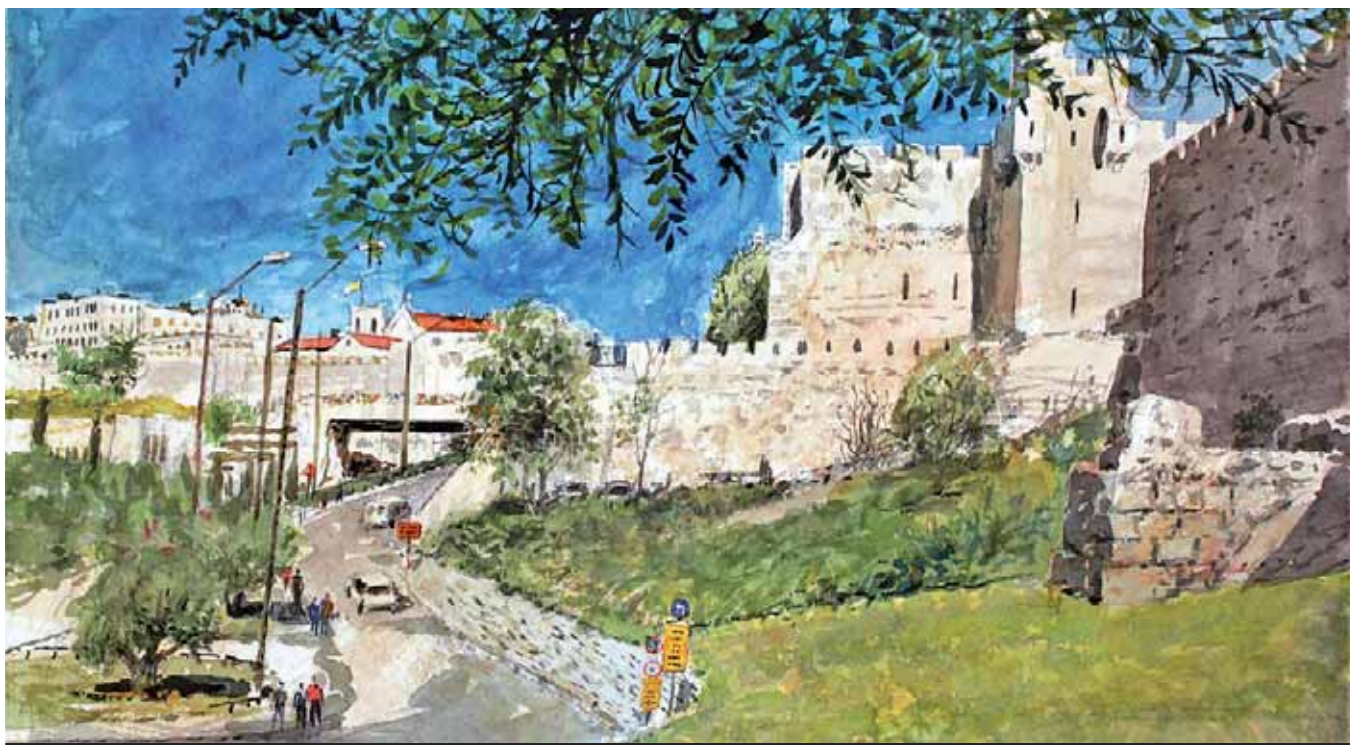
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Now taking suggestions for cafes/chill restaurants to hang



A work from Tom Forrestall in his 25-piece collection 35 Days In Israel now on display at the Chase Art Gallery. HANDOUT

Israel inspires art collection

Exhibit. Local artist unveils 25-piece collection of watercolours on display this month at Chase Art Gallery



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Local painter Tom Forrestall doesn't like to paint from photographs.

He claims that approach to art is a deadly habit for most painters; he prefers to connect with his subjects in person.

In the fall of 2010, this heavily decorated Canadian artist traveled to Israel. Touring north to south and all points in between throughout this magical country, Forrestall brought back much more than memories.

Unveiled earlier this month and celebrated Thursday night with an opening reception at the Chase Art Gallery in the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, the 25-piece collection of watercolours on paper titled 35 Days In Israel will remain on display through the month of February.

Featuring remarkable views of Israel as seen through the eyes of one of our most gifted painters, Forrestall is pleased he was able to translate the beauty of the country into his work.

"It's always a revelation to watch it unfold before you — there's always the element of risk especially when you're painting outside as we were doing in Israel, sitting in front of the real place," Forrestall said. "Artists do look at things differently — you look at that subject like you've never looked at anything before and in an odd way I almost become part of it because you're so focused on it."

Forrestall connected with creativity at an early age. His father, a carpenter by trade, would doodle and sketch to keep the kids quiet.

"There's something that gripped me about it and held me and I've been at it ever since. It's never let me down," he said. "Somehow or other, though most people can't

Quoted

"This process is rigorous and ruthless and demands a lot out of you. There's no team sport there, no one can help me with it."

Tom Forrestall

make a living as an artist, I always did. It never dawned on me that I wouldn't."

Talent without hard work is merely a therapeutic hobby. According to Forrestall, whose career spans several decades, creating his work has always been hard but never seen as a job.

"There is a lot of hard work but I think passion

Info

- **What.** 35 Days in Israel
- **Where.** Chase Art Gallery, Public Archives of Nova Scotia
- **When.** Through Feb. 28: Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

enters into these things as well," he said. "You're always reaching for perfection. No matter what you're doing you're always trying to do it better than yesterday and that drives one on as well."

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The positive effect of playing a psychiatrist

Interview. Catherine Zeta-Jones speaks about what brought her back to the big screen and her connection to family

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Side Effects brings actress Catherine Zeta-Jones and director Steven Soderbergh together for the third time,

following Traffic and Ocean's 12, and Zeta-Jones says Soderbergh knows the secret to keeping actors coming back.

"He rubbed my feet when I was pregnant in Traffic. That's the only reason why I keep coming back," she says with a laugh.

"He looked after a pregnant woman so well, I just knew I'd always be in good hands."

Of course, it takes more than foot rubs to get Zeta-Jones interested in a project. Over the past few years, she has focused on her home life

following husband Michael Douglas' battle with cancer.

"I love my job, but it takes me a lot to leave my kids, leave my husband and leave my dogs," she says.

"I find it really hard to leave my children. I think that I'll never get these beautiful, formative, delicious years back, and it takes me great thought and what is it that I want to leave my kids and my husband for? And this

obviously was a must for me. I'd pretty much do the phone book with Steven if he asked me, just read it in three different languages — French, Welsh and English."

There was one other element of Side Effects that had a can't-miss appeal for Zeta-Jones, and that was the chance to tackle playing an accomplished psychiatrist.

"I'm actually thrilled that Steven cast me as a doctor be-

cause I never went to college, and I always wanted an M.D. after my name," she says. "I'm really quite flattered that he fulfilled my mother's dream."

There are other gigs beckoning Zeta-Jones away from home, too.

She just wrapped filming on Red 2, the sequel to the 2011 action hit starring Bruce Willis and Helen Mirren, and she'll be on stage

later this month at the Oscars for the awards show's tribute to musicals from the past decade, including Chicago, for which Zeta-Jones won an Oscar.

"I'm absolutely terrified. I don't quite know the exact capacity in which I will be (involved)," she says.

"I'll be there, put it that way. I don't quite know what I'll be doing. That will be fun."

Her husband is kissing Matt Damon

Catherine Zeta-Jones' husband, Michael Douglas, is also re-teaming with director Steven Soderbergh, taking on the role of Liberace in the HBO movie Behind the Candelabra. The role calls for Douglas to lock lips on-screen with co-star Matt Damon, something Zeta-Jones says she's OK with.

- **Quote.** "I've seen Behind the Candelabra and if my husband's going to kiss

anybody else in the world, I'm so happy it's Matt Damon," she says. "Supposedly when Matt Damon was kissing Michael, he closed his eyes and pretended he was kissing me. He said that to Michael. Matt was closing his eyes and kissing Michael and pretending he was kissing me, and I just thought that was one of the biggest compliments I've ever had."



Catherine Zeta-Jones returns to the big screen to work with Steven Soderbergh. HANDOUT

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Brace yourself Star Wars geeks

Disney is mining The Force for even more new films.

Walt Disney Co. CEO Bob Iger said Tuesday that screenwriters Larry Kasdan and Simon Kinberg are working on stand-alone Star Wars movies that aren't part of the new trilogy that's in the works.

"There has been speculation about some stand-alone films that have been in development, and I can confirm to you today that in fact we are working on a few stand-alone films," Iger told CNBC.

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Lady Gaga. ALL GETTY IMAGES

Lady Gaga's weird and wonderful dressing room requirements leaked

Lady Gaga's list of dressing room requirements has leaked, and while there are more demanding celebrity singers out there — Mariah Carey comes to mind — she wouldn't be Gaga without a few eyebrow-raising items.

Gaga's requests include lavender towels and hand soap as well as yellow, lavender and white roses and, according to correspondence obtained by Celebuzz, "a mannequin with puffy pink pubic hair."



Russell Brand

Despite Stern prodding, Brand refuses to thrash ex-wife Katy Perry

During a recent visit to Howard Stern's radio show, Russell Brand got the chance to criticize ex-wife Katy Perry for dating John Mayer, but he didn't take it. "Doesn't she know that he's a worse womanizer than you?" Stern asked, to which Brand joked, "Worse or better, depending on how you view it." But Stern's prodding didn't producer any naysaying. "So help

me God, Howard Stern, I will not compromise my ex-wife's vagina for the sake of ratings," Brand declared. "That woman was perfect from top to bottom." As for Brand's own love life: "I'm not dating anybody. Actually, I'd like a romance," he says. "Not so much playing the field, just going through life, doing yoga, concentrating on this TV show and trying to find a nice wife."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



'Unflattering' pictures put Beyoncé's vanity on show



THE WORD
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On Monday BuzzFeed published a story entitled "The 33 Fiercest Moments From Beyoncé's Halftime Show" which, as the title entails, includes photos of Bey looking like the warrior princess she is. The problem? Apparently, Beyoncé and her team found some of the pictures unflattering and emailed the site to have them taken down as, god forbid, Beyoncé ever look unattractive. The email

from her publicist read, "Thanks for taking my call. As discussed, there are some unflattering photos on your current feed that we are respectfully asking you to change. I am certain that you will be able to find some better photos."

The Word is reprinting one of the photos here. As you can see, it isn't the best but how in the world could a few bad shots of Beyoncé ruin her stature as an icon? They are merely drops in the ocean of Beyoncé imagery that saturate our day-to-day lives. Faces make faces, especially when you're performing as hard as she did on Sunday night. If anything, it's nice to know that she's actually a human and not some leather clad robot created by the Knowles family to make all women feel terrible about themselves.



Chris Brown

Brown may have to redo community services due to 'discrepancies'

Chris Brown may have to start his community service all over again now that a Los Angeles District Attorney is alleging the singer failed to provide "credible, competent or verifiable evidence" that he fulfilled his obligation, according to the Los Angeles Times. Brown was given 180 days of community service as part of his sentence for assaulting Rihanna in 2009, and he was granted permission to complete it in his home state of Virginia. But now D.A. Mary Murray

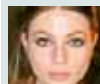
claims there are "significant discrepancies" in the reports about his service, which she says are "at best sloppy documentation and at worst fraudulent reporting." Brown's lawyer, Mark Geragos, is promising to fight back, though. "Apparently the district attorney's office has completely lost their minds," he tells the newspaper. "They are making scurrilous, libelous and defamatory statements and apparently have lost their ability to read their own reports."

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A note to fellow air travelers: if you must talk SO loud, PLEASE keep the cursing to a minimum. We can't get away from you.



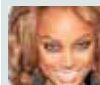
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Rules of Law & Order: if someone says, "There was this one guy.....". It's ALWAYS that guy.



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The one-man style super force speaks of Stephanie Seymour, styling Michelle and his signature Wuism

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Last month there was a rumour circulating on Twitter that your first words in English were Stephanie Seymour, who now stars in your ad campaign. Is that true?

Not quite, but it might as well be. When I first moved to Canada from Taipei, my mom bought me a sewing machine. I didn't speak a lick of English. I grew up speaking Mandarin. So I learned the language by reading my mom's fashion magazines. I was never the best student in school. I learned by applying what I loved. One day I was talking to my aunt, who also had a lot of fashion magazines, and I pointed out Stephanie Seymour. She was like, 'How do you know who Stephanie is?' I've worked with so many people I grew up admiring. Fashion seems to be this impenetrable, daunting industry. But for me to be able to get to where I am today speaks to how many opportunities there are for young people in New York.

Even with the lingering recession?

It's funny because I started during an economic downturn.



Acclaimed designer Jason Wu moved at age nine from Taipei, Taiwan, to Vancouver. CONTRIBUTED

I've never really experienced a good economy in that regard. It's always been a little difficult. I started my business when people were running for the hills and not buying anything.

You've dressed Michelle Obama for two inaugurations. How did the second one differ from the first?

It wasn't something that I quite expected to happen. I can't say that I know so much about politics. And when

I was approached the first time, I wasn't as familiar with Mrs. Obama. I felt like I was part of a moment. But with this second time, it felt more subtle. I felt like it was important for me to keep pretty private about it. I never wanted to sort of exploit the fact that the first lady has been so great to wear me on such an important occasion.

In some parts of the world, you, who left Taiwan as an

Second time's a charm

What were you doing in the exact moment when you first saw Michelle Obama in her second inauguration gown?

For the last inauguration, I was at home. But this time my staff and I were working because I have my show coming up. We were live streaming it on my computers and no one wanted to talk about it so as not to jinx it. But when we saw her, we just all let out this scream. When I first did this four years ago, I had four employees. But this year, I had 30 to celebrate with.



adolescent and have a connection to Canada, are now the face of American fashion.

It's quite cliché in many ways, but a lot of times we talk about achieving the American dream, that you can come here from anywhere in the world, from any walk of life and succeed. And in the real world you

don't think that ever happens. But my career has changed my mind about that.

You're collaborating with Lancôme on a beauty line. And you once created a nail polish collection for CND.

Beauty is a compliment to the clothes. In my teens I bought the Kevyn Aucoin books and used to just stare at them. They were so inspiring for me.

I've never been the person to do minimal hair and make-up. Beauty has always been a part of the design process for me. Even in my working with Hollywood actresses, I'll work with the hair and makeup. I've worked with Diane Kruger, Michelle Williams, Jessica Paré. When it's done correctly, it can create some magical moments.

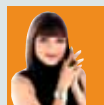
Are there any that stand out in your mind?

Diane Kruger at the SAG Awards two years ago. We collaborated together. She wore red lips and was very high glam and high contrast. The combination of the hair and makeup and dress suited the event beautifully.

What can you tell us about your upcoming autumn/winter collection?

I've been working on being more confident in what I do and to create real signatures. So there's going to be a lot of signature Wuism that people have come to know me for, taken to another level. That's the whole part of brand building, to drive the point home every time you do anything. Naturally, I feel like I've grown up some.

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@Jeanne_Beker: Very excited! I'm getting a special achievement award from the Canadian Academy of Film +TV on Feb. 27th

@MorleyNirenberg: Mazeltov Jeanne! So very well deserved. #tvicon

@Zaib_Shaikh: Big time Congrats Jeanne to a big time pioneer & ambassador.

@TOBeautyReviews: congratulations!!!! Well deserved!

@styleblogca: xoxo! Congrats, Jeanne!!! You are an inspiration.

@LisaTant: Congrats on the Canadian Academy honour @Jeanne_Beker So well-earned!



@Jeanne_Beker: Watching Symbiose by Hinda A at Semaine Mode Montreal...

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Vancouver

Sasha,
Fashion lover
Age: 22

What she's wearing
Obakki coat, Maison Olga Milan sweater, Wings + Horns scarf, Rag and Bone jeans, Dries Van Noten shoes.

Her inspiration
"The weather inspires me to dress cozy and warm and I always try to find a way to do this stylishly."



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Soccer star David Beckham on the set of his newest ad campaign for his bodywear collection in Los Angeles. HANDOUT

Beckham still weirded out being on billboards

Ad campaign. Becks talks about working with Guy Ritchie, his fitness routine and supporting his wife

David Beckham has a knack for keeping his name in the news, and his face — and well-sculpted body — in front of the cameras.

The newest ad campaign for his bodywear collection for global retailer H&M is being released on the heels of the announcement that he's joining the French Paris-Saint Germain soccer club.

The ad campaign, directed by Guy Ritchie, is more like a film short. Beckham stars as an action hero, saving the day in Los Angeles in his boxer briefs and bedroom slippers.

The 37-year-old Beckham said he's committed to this for the long haul, but is still a little startled looking up at a billboard and seeing a

One more question

New York Fashion Week starts Thursday, and you are often at your wife's shows. What's it like for you in the front row?

- **Quote.** "Victoria works so hard on her collections, it's just nice to be able to go to the shows and see all that hard work come to life. I'm really proud of her, she gets nervous but it's always a great success."

giant version of himself.

"No matter how many campaigns I do with H&M, I will never get used to seeing myself on billboards," he said.

"It's always a surprise to me when I see them. I'm lucky to work with such great photographers and stylists, so the images are always the best they can be."

Beckham responded to questions via email.

Working with Ritchie seems like a little bit of a leap into acting. Is that where you are heading?

It's been great working with Guy. He's one of my favourite directors, and also a friend, so it was amazing to work with him on my new bodywear commercial for H&M. It was good fun playing an action hero for the day, getting to do all the stunts and ending up in unexpected situations, but acting full time is not something I see myself doing in the near future.

Is there a movie you wish you could have starred in?

I love Guy's film *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*. It came out in 1998, which was such an exciting time to be British. I remember the attitude and energy of the film as if it were yesterday, and it went on to define so much about how British men saw themselves for years to come. But I wouldn't want to actually appear in the movie — I have too much fun watching it.



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Not only can you save money, but you can also help keep millions of paper cups out of the landfills when you use a refillable mug. Here's a list of the machines and coffee costs (based on a five-day work week) from a few of your favourite java houses.



Tim Hortons' Tassimo

Canada's favourite cup of java by far. Their at-home brew comes in the form of the Tassimo T-DISCs capsules and gets made exclusively in a Tassimo at-home-brew machine. The average machine price is \$160 and the coffee capsule is 65 cents — that's \$169 per year.



Van Houtte's Keurig

An established coffee house in Quebec, Van Houtte is making inroads across Canada. Their at-home-brew version is from the Keurig's brewing system and capsules are called the K-CUP. The Keurig Special Edition 860 brewer machine costs \$180 and the K-CUPS average 73 cents, that's \$189.80 per year.



Starbucks Verisimo

Starbucks, the big American coffee shop, has done marvels for the coffee culture in Canada and around the world. For those who criticize the dark-roast blends, they've introduced the Blonde Roast coffee, a lighter, fresher coffee bean. Starbucks has their own at-home-brewing machine called the Verisimo System, which costs \$200. Their Verisimo coffee pods cost an average of \$1, which will average you about \$260 for a coffee before each work day.



Timothys Keurig

A lesser known shop is Timothys, which started in Ontario and has spread throughout Canada and a bit in the United States. Their at-home-brewing machine is also the Keurig (like Van Houtte) and the B31 Brewer costs \$100. Look for it in a few fashionable colours. The K-CUP capsules average 73 cents per cup, which tallies into about \$189.80 per year for your morning work coffee.



Nespresso

Here's the case of a reverse situation. Nespresso launches quality brand espresso capsule systems and it becomes so popular that they start opening Nespresso Cafés around the world. Look for them on the toniest of streets in major Canadian cities. The fancy Nespresso Grand Maestria machine costs a whopping \$800, capsules average 60 cents each or \$156 per year. It's all about exclusivity and prestige with this brand.

Cookbook of the Week

Takeout, without the takeout part



Ordering in is not the only way to enjoy your favourite Chinese dishes.

In her book *The Chinese Takeout Cookbook*, Diana Kuan brings Chinatown to your kitchen with 80 popular recipes, including appetizers, main courses, noodle and rice dishes and desserts.

With colour photos throughout as well as helpful tips,

Kuan helps you to master classics such as Cold Sesame Noodles, Kung Pao Chicken, Beef Chow Fun, Hot and Sour Soup, Moo Shu Pork, Black Sesame Ice Cream, Pork and Shrimp Egg Rolls and much more.

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I love the Mu Shiu served in Chinese restaurants. Minced pork, chicken or beef with hoisin sauce and vegetables is served in lettuce leaves or flour wraps.

They're high in calories and fat due to extra oil and the fattier quality of the beef.

These homemade ones taste great and they're leaner. The peanut sauce is made with light coconut milk.

Try them when you celebrate the Chinese New Year on Sunday.

1. Spray a large non-stick

Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup diced carrot
- 3/4 cup diced red bell pepper
- 12 oz extra-lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup light coconut milk
- 2 tbsps natural peanut butter
- 4 tsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 4 tsp rice wine vinegar
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 1 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp honey
- 1 tsp sesame seeds
- 1 tsp minced fresh ginger
- 1/2 tsp hot Asian chili sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro or parsley
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 8 large Boston or butter lettuce leaves

skillet with cooking oil, add the vegetable oil and place over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion until browned, about 5 minutes.

2. Add the carrot and bell pepper and sauté for another 8 minutes, until the vegetables are tender-crisp.

3. Add the beef and sauté until no longer pink, about 4 minutes.

4. Combine the coconut milk, peanut butter, soy sauce, vinegar, sesame oil, garlic, honey, sesame seeds, ginger and chili sauce. Add it to the beef mixture and simmer everything for 3 minutes.

Asian Beef Lettuce Wraps with Peanut Sauce



This recipe serves four. COURTESY OF ROSE REISMAN

5. Stir in the cilantro and green onions. Divide among lettuce leaves and roll up

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VALENTINE'S DAY! gift guide



Switch things up this Valentine's Day by trying something different. Below are a number of fun date options for you and your honey. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK



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So maybe you didn't score a reservation at the restaurant of your dreams. Or perhaps you are looking to do something different or something new. If you want to switch things up this Valentine's Day, here are 10 fun date options for you and your honey.

1 Karaoke. "You can do this whether you just started dating or if you've been together for a long time," says Kim Hughes, singles and dating expert for the Toronto-based online dating site Lavalife.com.

2 Take in a pub. "Visit an old timer's bar — every neighbourhood has one — and have a pint and play darts," Hughes said. "It takes the pressure off of the date and you're not going to have to hand over your wallet at

Cost-efficient dates

No money? On a bit of a budget? Here are a few cost-efficient options for date night.

- Go for a skate (or toboggan ride). Assuming you have your own gear, including sharpened skates or toboggan, head out for some free winter fun.
- Make dinner at home. "There's no need to make

anything elaborate and it's much more fun when both of you are participating," says Sheree Morgan, a Vancouver-based matchmaker and dating coach.

- Explore together. "Go enjoy a new part of your city or town that you're not as familiar with," suggests Kateryna Spiwak, a Toronto-based dating and relationship coach. "And

if it's in your budget, have dinner in that area, too."

- Take a hike. "People often hike on the weekends together, so if you have the day off go for a hike through a nature preserve or valley area," Spiwak said.
- Make it movie night. PVR a movie ahead of time and uncork a bottle of wine for a movie night at home.

the door to go in."

3 Go bowling. Better yet, if you are a new couple and aren't sure where the relationship is going, grab another couple or two to go along with you and team up, Hughes suggested.

4 Revisit. "If you did something on the very first

date you went on, do it again and go down memory lane," says Sheree Morgan, a Vancouver-based matchmaker and dating coach.

5 Move together. "Take a dance lesson together or go to a salsa or meringue dance club," says Kateryna Spiwak, a Toronto-based dat-

ing and relationship coach. "Or you could go bowling together or play Ping-Pong for fun."

6 Make it a threesome. No, not like that. "Have dinner at home and bring in a massage therapist to come by to give you massages," Spiwak said.

7 Make the most of winter. If the lucky two of you have the afternoon or day off, hit the slopes for some skiing and après-skiing cocktails, dinner and snuggling. Don't ski? Try tobogganing or snowshoeing.

8 Think themed. If you are in a big city, visit your local museum to take in an Asian exhibit and follow that up with a Thai, Chinese or Japanese dinner.

9 Bring dinner home. Rather than heading out to a packed restaurant with its equally jammed reservation schedule, hire a chef to cook dinner in your home. "Or hire someone to come in and play music for you while you're having dinner at home," Spiwak said.

10 Pretend it's prom. Spring for a limo to take a drive through your city or to take you from your home to cocktails to dinner.

Tiffany Locks pendants in sterling silver: Emblem lock, \$165, large heart lock, \$165, mini round lock with a pendant chain, \$140, tiffany.com.



Gifts for the one you love



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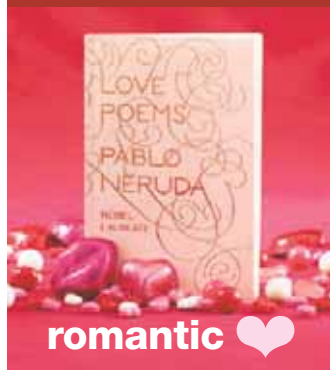
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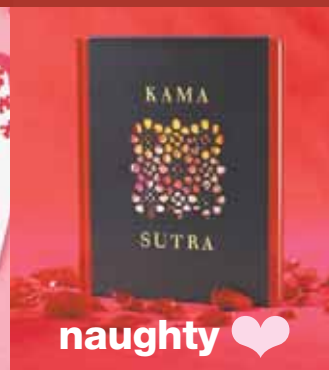
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Gifts that pamper

A sweetheart top-to-toe beauty guide for him and her



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Glossy, healthy looking hair begs to be touched. For her: **Shu Uemura Essence Absolue Oil-in-Cream** leave-in for dry, frizzy or curly hair,

\$68, via shuueamuraartofhair.com for salons. For him: **Redken Clean Spice 2-in-1 Conditioning Shampoo** to cleanse and strengthen, \$13.75, via redken.ca for salons.

Great travel skin care kits are genius add-ons to plans for a romantic getaway. For

her: **NARSskin Luminous Moisture Set** (includes full-size serum and eye cream) \$159, at Holt Renfrew, The Bay, and narscosmetics.ca. For him: **Anthony Logistics for Men Grab & Go Kit**, \$45, via ebeauty.ca.

Think of fancy lip balm as

a special investment in your kissing future. For her: **Luxurious Diptyque Soothing Lip Balm**, \$42, at Holt Renfrew. For him: **La Mer The Lip Balm** (it's shine-free), \$58, at Holt Renfrew.

Let's just say soft hands equals soft heart. For her: The swoon-worthy **Crabtree & Evelyn Hand Therapy Paint Box Tin**, \$60, at Crabtree & Evelyn stores. For him: All-natural, super-moisturizing, unscented and non-greasy **Consonant Body Intensive Therapy Organic Hand Cream**, \$20, at consonantbody.com.

Tempting bath and body treats are a must. For her: A vanilla-licious **Philosophy X's and O's** gift set, \$32, at Shoppers Drug

Mart, Sephora and select Bay stores. For him: A fresh-off-the-yacht **Fruits & Passion F/P Homme Numero 003** gift set, \$48.50, at Fruits & Passion.

Supple, silky skin is the gift that keeps on giving. For her: **Dreamy Caudalie Divine Oil** (for hair, too), \$49, at Sephora. For him: **Muscle-warming Arnica Massage Oil**, \$25.50, via weleda.ca.

The how-to of smooth, comfy feet is the unsexy, but the results are worth it for playing footsie. All dry heels need an easy-use **Emjoi Micro-Pedi**, \$49.99, via micro-pedi.ca. For her:



Comforting **L'Occitane Dry Skin Foot Cream**, \$30, at L'Occitane. For him: Pre-activity **Kiehl's Cross-Terrain Dry Run Foot Cream**, \$24, via kiehls.ca.

Clockwise, from top, Crabtree & Evelyn Hand Therapy Paint Box Tin, Philosophy X's and O's gift set, 'Occitane Dry Skin Foot Cream, Shu Uemura Essence Absolue Oil-in-Cream, Caudalie Divine Oil, Consonant Body Intensive Therapy Organic Hand Cream.

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NHL

Bodnarchuk sent back to AHL

Andrew Bodnarchuk's run with the Los Angeles Kings has come to an end without his playing in a single game.

The Kings announced Wednesday they have demoted the Hammonds Plains defenceman and former Halifax Mooseheads captain to its American Hockey League affiliate, the Manchester Monarchs.

To replace Bodnarchuk, the team recalled blue-liner Andrew Campbell.

Bodnarchuk was called up by the Kings on Jan. 21 after blue-liner Matt Greene went down with an injury and was placed on injury reserve. He never played in any games, however.

Overall, Bodnarchuk, 24, has played in five NHL games, all with the Boston Bruins during the 2009-10 season. **METRO**

Tankard

Murphy off to perfect start

Defending champion Jamie Murphy got off to a 2-0 start on the opening day at the Molson Coors Tankard on Wednesday at the Truro Curling Club.

Murphy's Lakeshore rink of third Jordan Pinder, second Mike Bardsley and lead Donald McDermid doubled up Truro's Peter Burgess 6-3 in Draw 1, then followed that performance with a 5-3 win over Mayflower's Chad Stevens in Draw 2.

CFB Halifax's Alan O'Leary was the only other rink of the eight-team event to finish the day undefeated at 2-0.

Action runs through Sunday. **METRO**

AUS men's basketball

Tigers claw past Huskies

Jumol Mullings had 17 points and William Yengue netted 16 as the Dalhousie Tigers dumped the Saint Mary's Huskies 82-65 in men's Atlantic University Sport hoops action before 200 fans at The Dalplex on Wednesday night.

Kevin Thomas had 23 points and seven rebounds for Saint Mary's.

On the women's side, the Huskies improved to 16-0 with a 88-63 victory over Dalhousie.

Justine Colley had 33 points for Saint Mary's, while Robbi Daley poured in 14 points for the Tigers.

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Shirtless fans of the Halifax Mooseheads cheer after the Herd scores a second-period goal against the Rimouski Oceanic at the Halifax Metro Centre on Wednesday night. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Mooseheads show fight in comeback

QMJHL. Weegar scores shootout winner in come-from-behind triumph against Rimouski



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MacKenzie Weegar wasn't expecting to be the hero.

The Halifax Mooseheads defenceman got the nod to secure a come-from-behind victory for the Halifax Mooseheads in the sixth round of Wednesday's shootout against the Rimouski Oceanic.

He made no mistake on his breakaway attempt, either, lift-

ing the Mooseheads to a thrilling 5-4 victory at the Metro Centre.

"I wasn't expecting to be given the opportunity but it was a big, big win for us," said Weegar, who collected three assists during the night. "We showed what kind of team we are."

Trailing 4-2 in the third period, the Mooseheads pulled out a gutsy late effort to earn the victory. Less than two minutes after Martin Frk scored to make it a one-goal game, Nathan MacKinnon netted the tying marker while on his back at 10:18 of the third.

It was a battle of the top two teams in the QMJHL. The Oceanic (35-11-1-5) came into Wednesday's tilt 10 points behind the league-leading Moose-

Quoted

"Tonight is another example of the kind of team we are. It's really exciting." **Nathan MacKinnon**

heads (42-5-2-1).

MacKinnon said the team will now look to carry the momentum into the weekend matchups against the Moncton Wildcats on the road on Friday and Saturday's home game against the Bathurst Titan at the Metro Centre at 7 p.m.

"We know we have the capability of coming back and I think at the end of the day if we decide to keep to the game plan, stick with it, we're going to be successful," MacKinnon

said. "Right now it's exciting to be successful and to be the No. 2 team in the Canadian Hockey League."

Jonathan Drouin extended his point streak to 15 games (14 goals and 17 assists) by recording two goals and an assist for the Mooseheads. Frk finished with one goal and three points.

Peter Trainor and Alexandre Lavoie each scored twice to lead the Oceanic.

Zach Fucale stopped 27 shots in the victory for Halifax.

Attendance

8,348

A large mid-week crowd took in the game.

CHL. Mooseheads still No. 2 in national rankings

For the second straight week, the Halifax Mooseheads are playing second fiddle to the Portland Winterhawks.

The Canadian Hockey League released its Week 20 rankings on Wednesday afternoon with the Western Hockey League's Winterhawks topping the list and the Mooseheads maintaining their No. 2 ranking.

The Mooseheads went 2-0 last week with back-to-back road victories over the Chi-

coutimi Saguenéens and the Baie-Comeau Drakkar, while the Winterhawks recorded four-straight wins against the Everett Silvertips, Kamloops Blazers, Seattle Thunderbirds and Spokane Chiefs.

The London Knights of the Ontario Hockey League continue to hold down position No. 3. The Rimouski Oceanic (sixth) and Baie-Comeau Drakkar (seventh) are the other ranked teams from the QMJHL. **METRO**



Seth Jones of the Portland Winterhawks **METRO FILE**

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Big guns slow out of the gate

NHL. 3 of 4 conference finalists from last season have yet to find their footing

They made up three teams of the NHL's version of the final four last season.

This season, the Los Angeles Kings, New York Rangers and Phoenix Coyotes are playing like teams that won't get to enjoy the final round of the conference playoffs. All three teams have failed to build on their post-season runs of a year ago — and sky-high pre-season expectations. The Kings, the defending Stanley Cup champions, and the Rangers won't even make the playoffs at this rate. And amid complicated ownership issues, the Coyotes are just hanging on.

In this lockout-shortened season, where slow starts can prove costly, all three are in a rush to recapture what made them so special last May.

This trio of underachievers has company when it comes to slow-starting teams, however. The Minnesota Wild, Philadelphia Flyers, Washington Capitals and Detroit Red Wings are

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"We have some guys that are very tentative, very careful. We don't play careful hockey."

Rangers coach John Tortorella, on his team's lacklustre start to the season.

all part of a group lacking that extra spark. And just like that, folks, 20 per cent of the season is already in the books.

But it's the Kings, Coyotes and Rangers that are the most puzzling. They should all have that fire to get back to where they were. After all, the Eastern Conference-champion New Jersey Devils — the other team from the 2012 final four — are fourth in the East and are only a point behind Pittsburgh for the top spot in the Atlantic Division entering Wednesday's games.

So it's not like there has to be a post-season hangover. But whatever the Devils (5-1-3) have right now, the Rangers (4-5), Kings (3-3-2) and Coyotes (4-4-2) simply don't.

The Rangers can probably forget about earning the top seed in the conference for the second straight season. New



Adam Henrique, bottom right, of the New Jersey Devils, celebrates scoring a goal in a 3-1 win over the New York Rangers on Tuesday in Newark, N.J. The two Eastern Conference finalists from a season ago have had varying degrees of success to begin this shortened season. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

York has little depth and no scoring punch outside of the top line. The Rangers front-loaded that first line — Marian Gaborik, Brad Richards and Rick Nash — and that's worked. They've combined for nine goals and 23 points. It's the rest of the team that's strug-

gled. All the young players who were supposed to be dynamite on the second line, like Carl Hagelin and Chris Kreider, have been anything but. That's the price the Rangers have paid for dealing several "depth" players, like they did to get Nash. The Rangers have scored 20 goals,

the lowest total in the East. Goaltender Henrik Lundqvist can't save 'em all for New York.

"We have some guys that are really playing hard," Rangers coach John Tortorella said, "and we've got some guys that look scared and tentative."

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Signs of change

Coyotes turning ship around

Out in the desert, essentially the same roster that won the Pacific Division has been unable to ride much of a hot streak.

They hit a rough patch off the ice when Greg Jamison was unable to pull together the funds and investors he needed to purchase the team before a deadline with the city of Glendale expired.

The Coyotes, with their long-term future now uncertain, are slowly turning around their season and have points in their last five games.

Meanwhile in L.A., the defending champs simply can't score. Toss out Jeff Carter's four goals, and the Kings only have 15 this season. Mike Richards only has one goal, and the Kings also are struggling on the power play.

Bruins snap Habs home win streak

Changing his lines in the third period paid off for Boston Bruins coach Claude Julien.

Julien moved rising star Tyler Seguin onto a unit with David Krejci and Milan Lucic, and it produced the tying and winning goals on its first two shifts as the Bruins downed the Montreal Canadiens 2-1 on Wednesday night.

"We needed to create more scoring chances because we didn't have many in the first two periods. So we tweaked the lines a bit, and the guys responded well," said Julien, as the Bruins improved to 7-1-1 and maintained their hold on first place in the Northeast Division.

"That Krejci line's been awesome for us but tonight they weren't able to generate much, so I said, 'Let's move guys around here and give them a little spark,' and it worked out. Look at Siggy driving the net on that first goal."

Seguin sneaked in front to take a Krejci pass and lift it over Carey Price to tie the game only 14 seconds into the third period.

The speedy young centre then slipped the puck to the



Montreal Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban hooks Lane MacDermid of the Boston Bruins on Wednesday in Montreal. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/GETTY IMAGES

On Wednesday

2

Bruins

1

Canadiens

left wing on a rush, and Lucic fed it in front. The onrushing Krejci got there just before Montreal centre Tomas Plekanec to tip it in at 2:05.

P.K. Subban scored his first

of the season on a second-period power play for Montreal, which was stoned by Tuukka Rask while outshooting Boston 11-4 in the opening frame.

The Canadiens (6-3-0) ended a five-game home winning run.

"We played well in the first period but starting in the second we kind of backed up," said defenceman Andrei Markov, who picked up his ninth point in as many games. "We stopped playing our game." THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	10	7	3	0	34	24	14
New Jersey	9	5	1	3	23	20	13
NY Islanders	9	4	4	1	29	30	9
NY Rangers	9	4	5	0	20	25	8
Philadelphia	10	4	6	0	23	27	8

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	9	7	1	1	26	20	15
Ottawa	10	6	3	1	29	19	13
Montreal	9	6	3	0	27	19	12
Toronto	10	5	5	0	25	29	10
Buffalo	10	3	6	1	30	37	7

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Tampa Bay	9	6	3	0	40	23	12
Winnipeg	9	4	4	1	27	34	9
Carolina	8	4	4	0	22	24	8
Florida	9	3	5	1	22	33	7
Washington	10	2	7	1	23	36	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	10	8	0	2	33	23	18
St. Louis	9	6	3	0	32	25	12
Nashville	9	4	2	3	20	21	11
Detroit	9	4	4	1	23	28	9
Columbus	10	3	6	1	20	32	7

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	9	5	2	2	24	22	12
Edmonton	9	4	3	2	22	24	10
Minnesota	9	4	4	1	21	24	9
Colorado	10	4	6	0	21	26	8
Calgary	7	2	3	2	20	25	6

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	9	7	1	1	32	23	15
San Jose	10	7	2	1	34	21	15
Phoenix	10	4	4	2	29	27	10
Dallas	10	4	5	1	20	25	9
Los Angeles	8	3	3	2	20	25	8

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Wednesday's results

Boston 2 Montreal 1
Anaheim 3 Colorado 0
Dallas at Edmonton

Tuesday's results

Toronto 3 Washington 2
Los Angeles 4 Columbus 2
Pittsburgh 4 NY Islanders 2

New Jersey 3 NY Rangers 1
Philadelphia 2 Tampa Bay 1
Calgary 4 Detroit 1

Ottawa 4 Buffalo 3
Winnipeg 3 Florida 2 (OT)
Nashville 6 St. Louis 1

Chicago 5 San Jose 3
Thursday's games — All Times Eastern

Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Columbus, 7 p.m.

NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Friday's game

Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Vanek, Buf	8	11	19
Stamkos, TBL	7	9	16
Kane, Chi	6	9	15
Marleau, SJ	9	5	14
Pominville, Buf	6	8	14
Crosby, Phg	4	10	14
Thornton, SJ	3	11	14
St. Louis, TBL	3	11	14
Zetterberg, Det	5	8	13
Pavelski, SJ	5	8	13
Clarkson, NJ	7	5	12
Kunitz, Phg	6	6	12
Conacher, TBL	5	7	12
Enstrom, Win	2	10	12
Malkin, Phg	2	10	12
Couture, SJ	6	5	11
Lecavalier, TBL	4	7	11
Tavares, NYI	4	7	11
Ribeiro, Wash	3	8	11
Staal, Car	7	3	10
Parise, Min	6	4	10
Hossa, Chi	6	4	10
Tarasenko, STL	5	5	10
Hodgson, Buf	5	5	10
Gagner, Edm	3	7	10
Datsyuk, Det	3	7	10
Vrbata, Phx	3	7	10
Purcell, TBL	2	8	10
Elias, NJ	2	8	10

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	32	14	.696	—
New York	31	16	.660	1 1/2
Indiana	31	19	.620	3
Chicago	29	19	.604	4
Brooklyn	29	20	.592	4 1/2
Atlanta	27	21	.563	6
Milwaukee	25	23	.521	8
Boston	25	23	.521	8
Philadelphia	21	27	.438	12
Detroit	18	32	.360	16
Toronto	17	32	.347	16 1/2
Cleveland	15	34	.306	18 1/2
Orlando	14	35	.286	19 1/2
Washington	13	35	.271	20
Charlotte	11	37	.229	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	39	11	.780	—
Oklahoma City	37	12	.755	1 1/2
L.A. Clippers	35	16	.686	4 1/2
Denver	31	18	.633	7 1/2
Memphis	30	18	.625	8
Golden State	30	19	.612	8 1/2
Utah	28	22	.560	11
Houston	27	24	.529	12 1/2
Portland	25	24	.510	13 1/2
L.A. Lakers	23	26	.469	15 1/2
Dallas	21	28	.429	17 1/2
Minnesota	18	28	.391	19
Phoenix	17	33	.340	22
Sacramento	17	33	.340	22
New Orleans	16	33	.327	22 1/2

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Wednesday's results

L.A. Clippers 86 Orlando 76
Indiana 88 Philadelphia 69
Cleveland 122 Charlotte 95

Washington 106 New York 96
Boston 99 Toronto 95

Miami 114 Houston 108
Atlanta 103 Memphis 92
Brooklyn 93 Detroit 90

Oklahoma City 119 Golden State 98
New Orleans 93 Phoenix 84
Dallas 105 Portland 99

Utah 100 Milwaukee 86

San Antonio 104 Minnesota 94

Tuesday's results

Indiana 114 Atlanta 103
L.A. Lakers 92 Brooklyn 83
Phoenix 96 Memphis 90

Houston 140 Golden State 109
Denver 112 Milwaukee 104
Thursday's games — All Times Eastern

L.A. Lakers at Boston, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 10:30 p.m.



Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Friendships are under excellent stars at the moment and someone you meet on your travels will become a firm favourite. Yes, they're a bit "different" but that's what makes them so interesting.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The current planetary set-up is overwhelmingly favourable. No, really, it is. Today's influences are especially good for matters related to your work or career, so make use of them. Let your boss see how keen and committed you are.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Employers and other important people are hugely impressed by your efforts over the past few months and some sort of recognition or promotion cannot be far away. They can see you've got what it takes — so take it.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You don't have to be fearful. You don't have to hide in the shadows. The way to overcome your doubts is to put them to the test. Do something today that most people would try to avoid. You're not most people.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Try not to be too hard on yourself. Yes, you have made mistakes, maybe more than a few. But you are human like everyone else, so don't beat yourself up about it. You make more mistakes because you take more risks.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

What you need to remember today is that pressure can be creative. It may feel as if you are being forced to move into unfamiliar territory but don't complain too much. You will feel the benefits soon enough.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Expect only good things over the next 24 hours. With Venus, your ruler, linked to luck planet Jupiter, no matter how far-reaching the changes in your life may be they will be positive ones. So, why worry?

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Break out of your rut and do something more constructive with your time. What that something is only you can decide. But, anything of an artistic nature will go well for you now as will affairs of the heart.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You will have to act quickly today if you want to avoid some kind of feud boiling over. Be fast, be firm and be the one who demands honesty all round. Too many people are still avoiding the truth.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Ignore rules and regulations. Do what comes naturally and take no notice of those who say you should do everything by the book. If you listen to them, it's unlikely you will ever get anywhere worth going.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The omens are very much in your favour and there is no telling what you might achieve if you have the courage to take a few risks. On the love front, especially, you will be much in demand over the next 24 hours.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

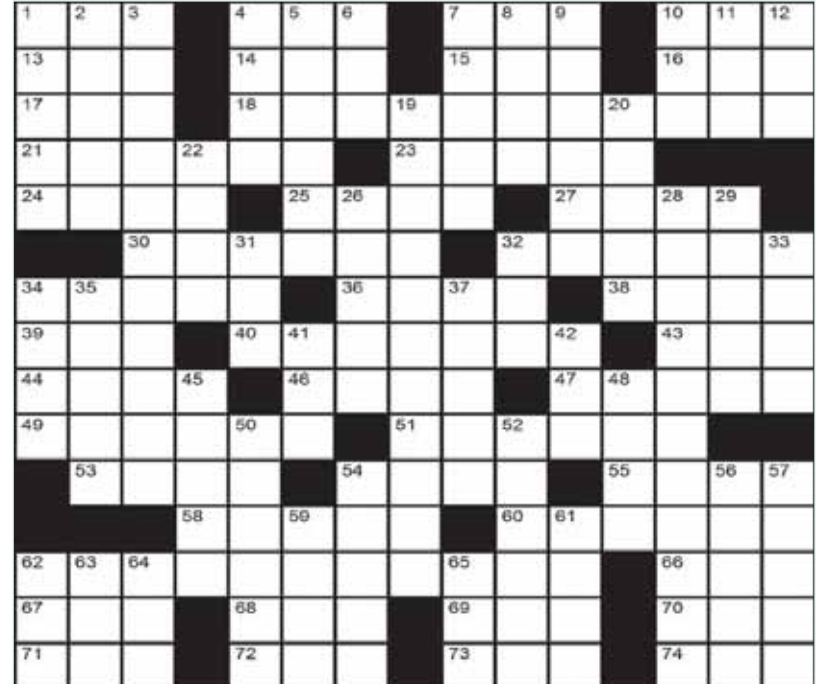
It may seem as if everyone but you is having fun at the moment but that's just because of your negative outlook. Open your eyes and see what a truly privileged lifestyle you lead and pretty soon you'll be smiling again. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Shih __ (Cute dog)
- Calgary, __
- Mil. authority
- Canadian actor Mr. Bellows
- Distinguished [abbr.]
- Actress Ms. Ling
- King, in Portugal
- Rapa __ (Easter Island)
- Dadaist Jean
- Historic site in Alberta, Head-Smashed-In __
- Fur __ (Beaver's bane in early Canada)
- Earth's __ layer
- Evening: French
- Gaelic
- Require
- The Ewing Clan's show
- Ruffled-waist, as on a dress
- Gangster from 'Star Wars', __ the Hutt
- Singer of "Grace Kelly"
- Popeye comics kid, __Pea
- "Take __, insist!"
- iPads, and others
- 'Fact' finisher
- __ vinegar
- TV-watcher's spot
- Symbols
- Dickinson of "Dragons' Den"
- Together
- "This __ laughing matter!": 2 wds.
- Their: French
- Increases twofold, for short
- Courtroom event
- Breakfast serving
- Acadian singer of "Kissing Rain": 2 wds.
- 'One' to Marie-Claire
- British singer Rita
- Affixed, abbreviated
- Hour div.
- Opposite WSW
- VJ's network
- __ Vegas
- Mac rivals
- Hockey great Mr. Apps

Down

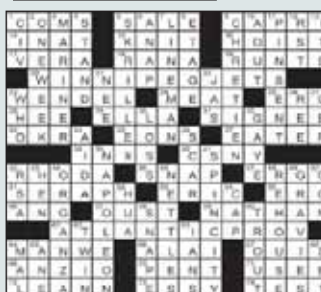


- " __ great!" (Congrats!)
- Mask-and-sword swashbuckler
- Causes of past due notices: 2 wds.
- Superior at a French monastery
- Comedy duo, __ and Hardy
- "I Love Myself Today" by __ Naked
- Fad
- "Canadian Idol" Season 5 winner, Brian __
- The __ Quintuplets
- Antelope with ox-like horns
- 'Consort' completer
- Collagen target

- Coal and petroleum: 2 wds.
- Army vehicles
- Dullsville
- Sylvester Stallone title role
- Dan Aykroyd's harmonica-playing character: 2 wds.
- Expected to arrive: 2 wds.
- Globe's long. crosser
- Mr. Sajak
- Prescriptions, commonly
- "Letters from Iwo __" (2006)
- Video game pioneer
- Mr. Reeves
- Peer Gynt's mother
- Sixties-style protest, __-in

- Wedding anniversary for tin
- Relinquish control
- Aboriginal artist Mr. Morrisseau, The Picasso of the North
- Alanis Morissette hit
- Milks: French
- Squiggy's "Laverne & Shirley" pal
- Hamilton, __ City
- Speck
- Clothing department
- Movie genre, __-com
- 'Comf' completer
- Cleveland NBA-er
- Rapsallion

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	9	8	5	6	7	4	2	1
2	5	1	8	9	4	7	3	6
4	6	7	2	1	3	8	9	5
6	4	3	7	2	5	1	9	8
8	7	9	3	5	1	2	6	4
5	1	2	9	4	6	3	7	8
7	3	5	1	8	9	6	4	2
1	2	4	6	3	5	9	8	7
9	8	6	4	7	2	1	5	3

8			1	3	7			6
	2				9	1		
				6				
4		3					7	
	1	8				5	9	
	7					2		3
				8				
		4	3				1	
6			4	9	5			2

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Friday

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